

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-23. (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) In combination:

at least one device containing radioactive materials therein; and

[[A]] a container for housing ~~a plurality of~~ said devices containing radioactive materials, said container comprising:

a first portion which comprises a radiation shielding material;

a second portion, which fits inside said first portion of the container, that defines a plurality of recesses, each of said recesses being sized to house one said device containing radioactive material and to resist movement of each said device relative to said second portion of the container when said devices are located in said recesses,

wherein said second portion comprises a radiation shielding material selected from either lead or steel or a combination thereof.

25. (currently amended) The [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein each of the devices containing radioactive materials are needles preloaded with a plurality of radioactive seeds.

26. (currently amended) The [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein each of the devices containing radioactive materials are magazines containing a plurality of radioactive seeds.

27. (currently amended) The [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein each of said recesses in said second portion of the container are sized to provide a friction fit with a device located therein.

28. (currently amended) The [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein each of said recesses in said second portion of the container are sized to provide a slip fit around a portion of a device located therein.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (currently amended) A [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein said second portion comprises a film which is positioned to secure said at least one device containing radioactive materials in said second portion to thereby further resist movement of said at least one device relative to said second portion.

31. (currently amended) A [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 30, wherein said film comprises a radiation shielding material selected from lead or steel or a combination thereof.

32. (currently amended) A [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, further comprising structure for closing said first portion of said container with said second portion of said container housed within said first portion.

33. (currently amended) A [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein said second portion comprises a tray wherein the recesses are side-by-side, ~~such that devices contained therein~~ and generally lie in the same plane.

34. (currently amended) A [[container]] combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein said second portion of said container is removable from said first portion of said container to facilitate removal of said at least one device containing radioactive materials therein from said container for use.

35. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein the radiation shielding material of said second portion substantially covers the recesses in said second portion.

36. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein the radiation shielding material of said second portion at least covers the radioactive material contained in said at least one device when housed in the recesses in said second portion.

37. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 31, wherein the radiation shielding material of said film substantially covers the recesses in said second portion.

38. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 31, wherein the radiation shielding material of said film at least covers the radioactive material contained in said at least one device when housed in the recesses in said second portion.